

December 1, 2016

Via Electronic Submission

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, WC Docket No. 11-42* – TransWorld Network, Corp., Notice for Forbearance from Lifeline BIAS Requirements

Dear Ms. Dortch:

TransWorld Network, Corp. (“TransWorld”) hereby submits this Notice of Forbearance in accordance with the Commission’s *April 2016 Lifeline Order*¹ and the *Lifeline Forbearance Public Notice*.² Specifically, TransWorld seeks forbearance from the Lifeline broadband Internet access service (“BIAS”) requirement in its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) service area in Arizona.

TransWorld is an ETC in Arizona, but is not receiving high cost universal service support and is not subject to any universal service broadband public interest obligations. Consequently, TransWorld is eligible for forbearance from the Lifeline BIAS requirement. Pursuant to the *Lifeline Forbearance Public Notice*, TransWorld hereby provides the following information:

Carrier Name: TransWorld Network, Corp.

ETC Designation Information:

- **ETC Order:** *In the Matter of the Application of TransWorld Network, Corp. Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, 47 U.S.C. §*

¹ *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962 (2016) (“*April 2016 Lifeline Order*”).

² *Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures For Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking To Invoke Forbearance Granted By Lifeline Modernization Order*, WC Docket No. 11-42, DA 16-1316, November 22, 2016 (“*Lifeline Forbearance Public Notice*”).

214(e)(2), Order, Docket No. T-04246A-11-0377, Decision No. 73272, July 30, 2012.

- Designating Authority: Arizona Corporation Commission (“ACC”)
- Type of Designation: High Cost and Lifeline
- Date of Designation: July 30, 2012

Areas Where TransWorld Seeks Forbearance: TransWorld is seeking forbearance for the entire area comprising its ETC service area in Arizona, which includes the areas served by the incumbent local exchange carriers (“ILECs”) Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Copper Valley Telephone, Inc.

- Attachment A provides a list of the counties included in TransWorld’s ETC service area.³

Date and Reason for Change: This is an initial forbearance filing based upon the December 2, 2016 effective date of the broadband Lifeline requirements in the *April 2016 Lifeline Order*.

TransWorld respectfully submits this Notice of Forbearance. Any questions concerning this filing should be directed to Lourdes Vinas at lvinas@twncorp.com and 813-891-4700.

Respectfully submitted,

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³ TransWorld was designated as an ETC by the ACC for a service area based upon the area served by ILECs Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Copper Valley Telephone, Inc. TransWorld’s ETC service area is not defined by census blocks or counties. Attachment A identifies the counties that appear to fall within TransWorld’s ETC service area, but county boundaries do not completely coincide with TransWorld’s ETC service area defined by ILEC study areas.

ATTACHMENT A

LIST OF AREAS COMPRISING TRANSWORLD'S ETC SERVICE AREA SUBJECT TO FORBEARANCE

TransWorld was designated as an ETC by the ACC for a service area based upon the area served by ILECs Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Copper Valley Telephone, Inc. TransWorld's ETC service area is not defined by census blocks or counties. The counties that appear to fall within TransWorld's ETC service area are identified below, but county boundaries do not completely coincide with TransWorld's ETC service area defined by ILEC study areas.

Counties Within TransWorld's ETC Service Area (SAC 459014) in Arizona

| <u>County</u> | <u>FIPS Code</u> |
|---------------|------------------|
| Cochise | 04003 |
| Graham | 04009 |
| Greenlee | 04011 |